Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case

1541. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons identified as accused in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case;

(b) the number of persons against whom charge-sheets have been filed;

(c) whether the trial has started ; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The list of accused in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case has not yet been finalised.

(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The case is nearing final stage.

[*Translation*]

Adoption of Orphans

1542. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children from orphanaseoss in Delhi adopted during the last two years; and

(b) the conditions laid down for the adoption of such orphans?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The number of children given in adoption during 1990 and 1991 from Delhi is given below:-

1990 - 408

1991 - 440

(b) Adoption of children by Hindus withir the country is regulated under the provisions of the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956. Inter-country adoption of children is governed under the provisions of the Guardian and Wards Act, 1890 and relevant adoption laws of the country concerned.

Hiring of Oil Rigs

1543. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hire oil rigs from foreign companies;

(b) whether any global tenders have been invited in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of tenders received;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps being taken for the indigenous manufacture of these oil rigs?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR ANAND): (a) There is no proposal to hire rig exclusively from foreign firms.

(b) to (d). ONGC and OIL float tender to hire rigs from time to time. Decisions are taken keeping in view the offers received and all other relevant aspects.

(e) Some Indian companies have devel-

oped the capability to manufacture rigs in India.

Oil and Gas Reserves

1544. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI:
SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV:
SHRI KESRI LAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil and natural gas reserves in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of various schemes proposed to be launched by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission for drilling and exploration thereof during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the estimated expenditure involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) State-wise Reserves @ of Crude Oil & Condensate and Natural Gas as on 1.1.1991.

STATE	*Crude Oil & Condensate (MMT)*	*Natural Gas (Bn. Cubic Meters)*
1	2	3
Gujarat	158.26	93.39
Rajasthan	——	1.22
Tripura	——	10.47
Assam	150.48	112.62
Nagaland	2.40	0.90
Andhra Pradesh	0.66	25.58
Tamil Nadu	2.68	2.11
Offshore	491.67	483.50
Total	806.15	729.79

@ Proved & Indicated Balances Recoverable Reserves.

(b) and (c). The VIIIth Plan has not been finalised.

[*English*]

Production of Betel Leaf

1545. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area under betel leaf cultivation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the actual production of betel leaf in